

# American Muslim Council

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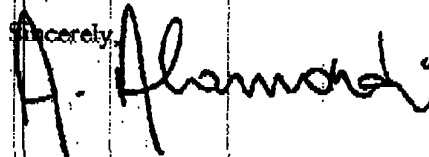
The Honorable Ernest Istook  
119 Cannon House Office Building  
1st & Independence Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Istook:

We are writing to inform you of our support for your proposed religious liberty amendment to the Constitution. The right of people to "acknowledge God according to the dictates of their conscience" is one of the corner stones that make America strong. We agree with the new wording which clarifies that the Federal government has no right to choose one religion over another, nor to require any person to join in prayer. Allah tells us, "there is no compulsion in religion," and this amendment is in the same spirit.

We are especially please with the effort to encourage, but not mandate, prayer in public schools. Youth are high on the list of issues that concern American Muslim Council and we support anything which encourages them toward ethical behavior without removing their right to choose.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director